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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 31, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 3-7 and 10-25 have been withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, and 26-30 presently stand rejected. Specifically, claims 1, 2, 8, 9 and 27-30 are finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schoettle (U.S. Patent No. 4,629,144) in view of Gelardi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,986,491) and claim 26 is